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Honorable James H. Welsh, Commissioner of Conservation Office of Conservation P. O. Box 94275 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Alternate Unit Well, At an Exceptional Location Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A LCV RA SUM Terryville Field Lincoln Parish, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Application is hereby made on behalf of ST. MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO., (Applicant), to the Commissioner of Conservation for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, Terryville Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To permit the applicant to drill, designate and utilize their Tatum No.1 Well as an alternate unit well for the production of gas and condensate form the Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the unit designated LCV RA SUM, Terryville Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, in exception to the spacing provisions of the 370-B-6 Series of Office of Conservation Orders, such unit and well shown on the attached plat and made a part hereof.
- 2. To find that an alternate unit well is needed on the LCV RA SUM to drain a portion of the unit that cannot be drained by any existing well located within the unit.
- 3. To permit the unit operator to produce the assigned unit allowable form the unit well, the alternate unit well of from a combination of all wells at its discretion.
- 4. To consider and cover such other matters as the Commissioner of Conservation may deem pertinent and appropriate.

The Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A in Terryville Field, Claiborne and Lincoln Parishes, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 370-B-6, effective February 2, 1982.

The pertinent data pertaining to this application is available for inspection at the Offices of B. F. Anderson, 400 Travis Street, Suite 209, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101-3110. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call B. F. Anderson at 318/425-4230 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent, that is otherwise not available from the Office of Conservation, can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.

The subject matter of this application does not require a pre-hearing conference.

Attached is a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application, with plat attached, is being sent. Upon receipt of the legal notice, the list of parties on the attached list will be furnished a copy and the legal notice will posted in the Clerk of Courts Office in Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, and will be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the Terryville Field. Pursuant to the revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all parties shown on the attached list. A copy of this letter is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District Office of Conservation.

Our check, made payable to the Office of Conservation, is attached to cover the applicable hearing fee.

Yours very truly,

B. F. Anderson, PE for

ST. MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO.

cc: Mr. James Broussard, District Manager Shreveport District Office of Conservation Mr. Steve Causey, St. Mary Land & Expl. Co.

